

may need - If you cannot bear your wife bring her with you
we will make her welcome & endeavor to make her stay agreeable
Please inform me as soon as convenient

Yours in the love

J. Starkweather.

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Bristol March 26.

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Bristol R. I. March 25. 1834

Dear Br. Phelps,

I learn from the last Recorder that you

have asked & received a dispensation from your pastoral charge for the purpose of engaging in the service of the A. B. C. B. Soc. Now Br. would it not be consistent with your engagements & with duty, for you to just now to retire to this pleasant village for a week or more where you can during the day have the use of my study & as much leisure as you wish for, & in the evening can preach to ~~my~~ one thousand persons with the season to be here that you will thus be the happy instrument of salvation to many souls? The state of things here is at present very peculiar demanding more labor than I can perform, & such that a series of evening discourses could probably do as much good as could be done by an ordinary protracted meeting. In the protracted meeting which was appointed here when I saw you at Providence the Lord was pleased in a most ~~and~~ mysterious manner to disappoint us as to the help that we expected, but the disappointment was blessed to the good of the church & as I trust to the pastor also, so as to prepare us in some good degree for the use of those means which we then endeavored to secure. It is a consequence of our disappointment then that our circumstances are more so very peculiar as to demand the aid which I solicit from you. Can you not spend a little time with me as above specified, soon? I should prefer it next week, but would be very grateful for it any time within four or five weeks. Your journey here shall be attended with no expense to you & except evenings you shall have all the leisure & convenience for writing &c. I shall give